Formation of Safety Committee on Air India

624. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Air India has constituted Safety Committee through Secret Ballot as per the provisions of the Factories Act ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c) Clause III of Rule 73J of the Maharashtra Factories Rules does not stipulate election of workers representatives to the Safety Committees through Secret Ballot.

Yatri Niwas at Guwahati in Assam

625. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURA GOHAIN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present position of the proposed Yatri Niwas at Guwahati in Assam ;

(b) whether the State Government has allotted any plot of land ; and

(c) by what time the construction of the Yatri Niwas will be started ?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) An amount of Rs. 49.31 lakhs has been sanctioned for the construction of a Yatri Niwas at Guwahati.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The work for earth filling/fencing of the plot by the State Public Works Department is in progress and construction is likely to start after this initial work is over.

Boating Facilites at Majuli in Assam

626. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURA GOHAIN ; Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present position of the proposed scheme for boating facilities at Majuli in Assam ; and

(b) whether Government have released the estimated amount of Rs. 8.50 lakhs to the State Governments ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI M. O. H, FAROOK) : (a) and (b) The Government of India has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 8.50 lakhs to the Government of Assam for purchase of house-boat and mechanised boats for Majuli river and released an amount of Rs. 7.50 lakhs. The State Government has been requested to submit certain documents for release of balance amount of Rs. 1.00 lakh. Reply from the State Government is awaited.

Water Sports at River Brahmaputra

627. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURA-GOHAIN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present position of the proposed scheme of river cruise and water sports at Brahmaputra ;

(b) whether Government have accepted the scheme ;

(c) if so, what is the amount of money sanctioned by Government; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI M. O. H. FAROOK) ; (a) to (d) The Government of Assam had submitted a proposal for Central financial assistance amounting to Rs. 99.00 lakhs for purchase of luxury cruise vessel for use on river Brahmaputra. The State Government has been advised to. recast their proposal for a smalller capacity vessel. Proposal for-water sports equipment is under process,